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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was steady in most areas but was occasionally fully steady on heavier sizes in the East. Retail interest was light to moderate with best interest on holiday items and where specials were either planned or in progress. Food service was usually reported as moderate. Supplies were adequate for trade needs, although smaller sizes were readily available in the East. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance, boneless breast were available, and other parts were usually sufficient for a seasonal but generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/15-11/20/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
		(Includes branded product)			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	58.50-60.00	58.65	17	60.30	24
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.66	54	55.37	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	59.37	25
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.38	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	63.21	31
Detroit	52.00-54.00	54.59	11	56.93	37
Los Angeles	64.00	63.01	58	62.73	113
New York	57.00-59.00	57.91	32	59.30	86
Philadelphia	56.00-59.00	55.00	7	57.71	29
Pittsburgh	53.50-56.00	54.80	10	57.66	52
St. Louis	53.50	53.25	18	55.92	42
San Francisco	64.50	63.82	31	66.50	53

### Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/15/99	Change/Last Wk	11/08/99	11/16/98
590	59.46	0.18	59.46	64.35

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-62.00	59.72	35
Central	55.00-60.00	58.17	57
West	56.00-65.50	62.58	59

### Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-59.50	58.04	81
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### GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,110	50.00-61.71	57.44

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	143.50	4,124
BREASTS - WHOLE	74.50	2,101
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00	577
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	8,840
WINGS	64.50	3,040

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**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate as interest shifted towards holiday meat items as Thanksgiving approaches. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle current buying needs. In the parts structure, wings continued to have best movement with supplies balanced to short. All other items were at least adequate with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment about steady. Offerings adequate overall with heavy weights in southern production areas in the closest position and confidently held. Demand by restaurants moderate, reduced by stores as interest centered on holiday items. Weekend carryovers were moderate to heavier than desired. Wings were strong with balance of parts about steady. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up 1.60 at 56.85 with the volume reported unchanged at 27 loads. Parts trading reported for delivery this week: leg quarters bulk pack mainly 20.25-24 and 4/10s 23-25, wings 70-75, bone-in breasts 74-81 and boneless breasts mainly 140.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** This week's final majority prices were unchanged into Chicago and Detroit, .25 cents higher into St. Louis and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment mostly steady. Offerings adequate or available for the light buyer interest. Retail demand was seasonal with holiday items capturing shopper interest. Food service was mixed, light to good. Floor stocks were adequate with sizes desirable. Parts trading fair to good on wings, light to fair at best on balance. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with boneless/skinless breasts ample. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on wing, about steady on all other items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair. Offerings of smaller sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. Heavier sizes were in close balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was no better than steady on the on smaller sizes, steady to fully steady on the larger sizes. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance to tight. Breast items were available and instance slow to clear. Other items were adequate.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally reduced as buyers looked to increase incoming receipts of other items more typical of the upcoming holiday period. Offerings were at least adequate with the heavier sizes in the closer balance. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were being reduced in line with seasonally lighter needs and were just moderate in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, all items were adequate with wings generally noted as in best balance.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	56-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.04
NO. OF BOXES	8,170

\*6 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest was quiet as buyers focused on seasonal holiday items. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs, with wings in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was slow with limited feature activity noted. The market tone was barely steady on breast items, fully steady on wings and about steady on the balance.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	133.97	568,520
TENDERLOINS	135	135.07	60,080
BREAST - WITH RIBS	68-69	76.68	147,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	68	68.64	127,000
LEGS	26-27	29.81	191,080
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	18.55	362,629
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	33.14	71,670
THIGHS	19-20	25.74	60,000
B/S THIGHS	70-71	72.01	35,800
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66	76.29	167,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.78	27,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	50-55	52.00	24,376
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	54.01	25,200

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	840	120.00-160.00	132-137	137.63
TENDERLOINS	166	140.00-177.00	143-155	150.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS	364	70.00-83.00	70	71.56
FRONT HALVES	280	53.00-70.00	60-70	63.28
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	330	17.00-19.00	17	17.18
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	19.00-20.00	20	19.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	142	54.00-66.00	65-66	63.55
DRUMSTICKS	136	31.00-45.00	31	32.66
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/15	11/11	11/11	11/08	11/04
ALA	3,893	3,735	5.04	3,779	5.05
ARK	4,803	4,960	4.74	4,947	4.78
DELMARVA	2,240	2,381	5.01	2,190	4.93
KY-LA-TN	1,825	1,765	4.32	1,479	4.36
MISS	2,615	2,705	5.04	2,690	5.01
NC	2,261	2,587	5.72	2,524	5.68
TEXAS	2,221	2,244	4.66	2,047	4.73
TOTAL	19,858	20,377	4.95	19,656	4.95
MON	19,858(A)			19,656(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Nov 1999 is estimated to be 29,710,000 up 0.73 percent from a week ago and up 5.39 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 29,496,000, last year 28,190,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	528	122.00-193.00	130-135	159.42
TENDERLOINS	144	130.00-200.00	-	174.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	80	72.00-77.50	72-73	72.55
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	90	23.00-34.00	23-25	24.22
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	276	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,254	17.50-21.00	19-20	20.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	62.00-65.00	63-65	63.59
WINGS (CUT)	450	78.00-88.00	78-79	80.62
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS  
TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.75 - 49.00	47.66	44.43

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION PARTS** PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11/15-11/19/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	115.00 - 145.00	132.00 - 140.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	68.00 - 78.00	68.00 - 72.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 22.00	18.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	27.00 - 50.00	29.00 - 30.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	57.00 - 71.00	63.00 - 65.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 14.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	76-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

##### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 12, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	-	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.24		17.45	

1,267,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-16.00	18.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.63	18.00		17.00

494,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	16.50	13.00-15.00	13.00-16.50
WTD AVERAGE	17.06	16.50	13.18	14.57

2,538,000 pounds, this includes 1,080,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal with current schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-13	12.16

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 12, 1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	19.00	19.00-20.00	15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	19.42	15.00	

224,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	17.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	17.00	11.36	13.73

1,917,600 pounds, this includes 897,600 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	12.00	13.00
WTD AVERAGE	-	-	12.00	13.00

163,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

\* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderately good for at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER  
THE WEEK OF 15-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-16 CENTS/LB.	8-11	9.96
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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